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FERTILIZERS IN SMALL PACKS
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Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to provide fertilizers in small packs for the farmers in remote areas and bear the expenditure involved in such packagings;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the time by which such packs are likely to be made available; and

(c) the total amount of subsidy proposed to be provided on fertilizers during 2006-07?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI B.K. HANDIQUE)

(a) & (b): Under the provisions of the Fertilizer Control Order, 1985, it is permissible to pack fertilizers in packs of the size of 2, 5, 10 and 25 kilograms. In terms of the notification No. S.O. 285(E) dated 12.3.2003 notifying the revision in maximum retail price of urea, zincated urea and anhydrous ammonia, where the sale of any fertilizer to made in quantities not exceeding 25 kilograms, the dealer may charge the following amount on small fertilizer bags in addition to maximum retail price: On packing of 2 kg, Rs. 1.50 per packing; (K) On packing of 5 kg, Rs. 2.25 per packing; (iii) On packing of 10 kg, Rs. 3.50 per packing; and (iv) On packing 25 kg, Rs.5.00 per packing.

(c): A budgetary provision of Rs 17252 91 crore has been made for subsidy on fertilizers during 2006-07.